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CPAE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: TREASON TRIAL II

REF: MASERU 256 AND PREVIOUS

1. TRIAL OF REMAINING 30 PRISONERS CHARGED WITH HIGH TREASON BEGAN IN LESOTHO HIGH COURT APRIL 9. ALL ARE CHARGED PRIMARILY WITH TREASON AND ALTERNATIVELY WITH SEDITION AND CONTRAVENTION OF INTERNAL SECURITY ACT. PARTICULARS OF CHARGES VERY SIMILAR TO THOSE OF FIRST TRIAL. ALL THIRTY PLEADED NOT GUILTY TO ALL CHARGES.

2. ON BENCH IS EXPATRIATE PUISNE JUDGE COTRAU; PROSECUTION FOR CROWN IS EDWIN KELLAWAY, QC FROM CAPE TOWN; DEFENSE TEAM REMAINS KUNY AND BOWMAN.

3. OF TOTAL 49 PRISONERS REMAINING AFTER CONCLUSION OF FIRST UNCLASSIFIED

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TREASON TRIAL, 18 WERE DISCHARGED APRIL 4 BY ACTING ATTORNEY

GENERAL AND ONE WAS DISCHARGED ON MOTION OF CROWN COUNCIL AT
OPENING OF TRIAL, LEAVING 30 WHO NOW ON TRIAL. BY
EMBASSY'S COUNT, THIS ACCOUNTS FOR ALL 177 DETAINEES HELD IN
WAKE OF JANUARY 1974 COUP ATTEMPT.
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